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Mart SAARMA et al.

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For: NOVEL NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR  
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: M. Marvich

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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Applicants submit herewith copies of the following documents which the Examiner has indicated were not considered from the PTO/SB08 filed February 9, 2004: Bibel et al., Genes and Development, 14:2919-2937, 2000; Peaire et al., Journal of Neuroscience Methods, 124, 61-74 (2003); and Airaksinen et al., Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, 13, 313-325 (1999).<sup>1</sup> Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and provide Applicants with an initialed and signed copy of the PTO/SB08. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants provide herewith a duplicate of the previously filed PTO/SB08.

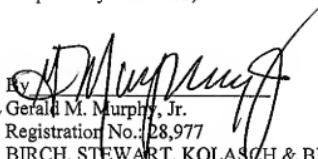
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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